"Shock and Awe: Killed, Then Resurrected" <u>Revelation 11: 7 - 13</u>

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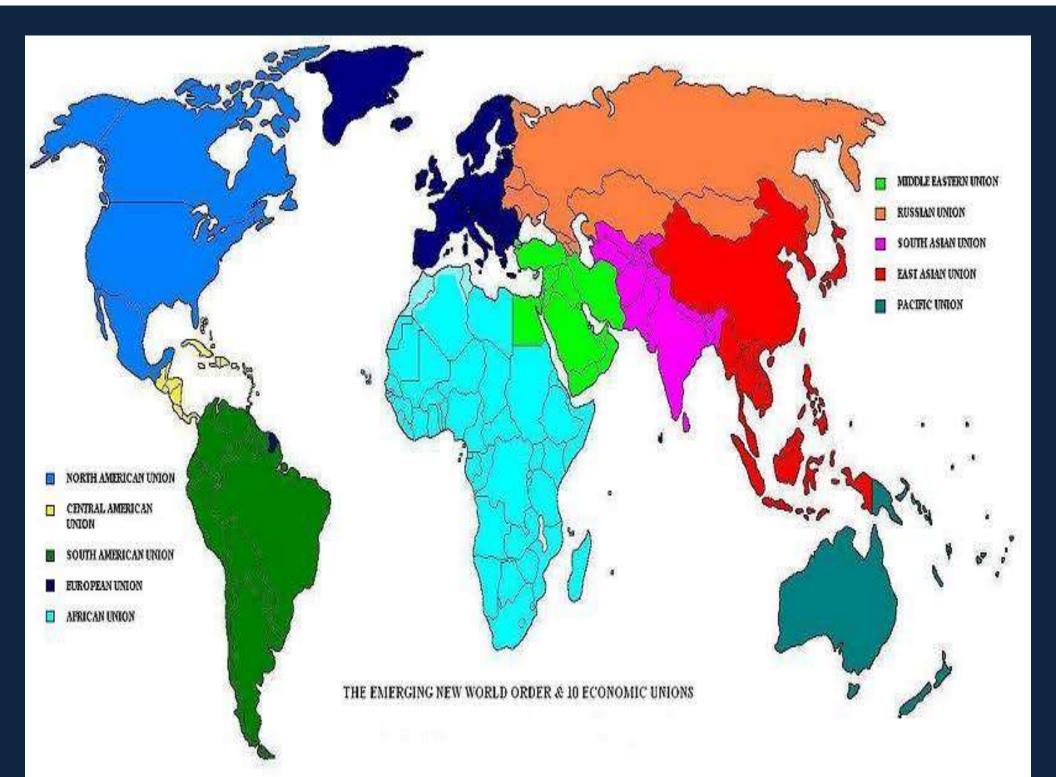
Verse 7 - 10 Never Forget, God Has a Plan

God's Plan: You are invulnerable until God says so

When God says so, antichrist will kill the two witnesses *mission accomplished*!

What we know about the Tribulation:

In the first part of the tribulation, antichrist' war machine will march through earth and demand that all world leaders follow him



2) Three rulers will resist and be subdued - <u>Daniel 7: 8</u> and <u>Daniel 7: 23-27</u>

3) During his rampage, antichrist will meet his demise, a mortal head wound - <u>Revelation 13: 3</u>

4) The beast ascends out of the bottomless pit; he has been killed - <u>Revelation 11: 7</u>

The Satanic Trinity:

- 1) Satan the counterfeit Father
- 2) Antichrist the counterfeit Son
- 3) False prophet the counterfeit Holy Spirit
- 4) Mark of the beast counterfeit sealing
- 5) Satan is a copycat, and he wants you to copy hm!

The beast will ascend out of the bottomless pit - *a resurrection by Satan*

God will allow Satan to do this - a one off, so to speak -<u>Revelation 11: 7 and 17: 8</u>

It is at this point that many expositors believe that Satan possesses antichrist -<u>Revelation 13: 4</u> Two people in Scripture are possessed by Satan and are called *the son of perdition*

- 1) Judas <u>John 17: 12</u>
- 2) Antichrist <u>2 Thessalonians 2: 3</u>

God allows a possessed antichrist to wage war against the two witnesses and kill them -

Satan then tries to kill the Jews; he persecutes the woman - <u>Revelation 12: 13-17</u>

Possible order of events: (<u>Chapters 10-14</u> are not in sequence; one must deduce the order)

- 1) The beast is killed 13:3
- 2) Satan starts war in heaven and is thrown to the earth 12:7-12
- 3) Satan raises antichrist from the pit <u>11:7 and 17:8</u>
- 4) Satan possesses antichrist <u>13:4</u>

5) Antichrist kills the two witnesses - <u>11:7</u>

6) Satan pursues fleeing Jews -12:13-17

Why has Satan wanted to kill the Jews throughout history?

To thwart the coming Messiah!

For Satan, the destruction of Israel is a matter of self-preservation

Why hasn't Satan been able to accomplish the extermination of the Jews?

> God has promised to preserve His covenant nation forever -Jeremiah 31: 35-36

For Jesus to return, the Jewish people must do two things:

1) Confess their national sin of rejecting Messiah -<u>Hosea 5:15</u>

2) Plead for Messiah to return -Matthew 23: 37-39

Verse 11 Shocked by God!

The earth dwellers are shocked! "The breath of life entered them"

The Result:

"... great fear fell on those who saw them"

Verse 12 More shocked by God!

The dead stand on their feet and hear a command - "Come up here"

They ascend to heaven in a cloud and their enemies witness this!

The earth dwellers still will not repent!!

Verse 13 Another attention getter

An earthquake killing 7000 people -

- Some died, and some gave glory to God (finally some turn and live!)

Why the quakes in our lives?

God uses everything in our lives, (the good, the bad and the ugly) to point us to Him, to trust Him! I do not pretend to know the why's of life, but through it all, *have learned to trust Him!*

Romans 8: 28 is true!

God does work all things for good, *including the ugly*!

Good to remember when you are in ugly land or the *"don't understand this situation"* land!!

<u>**CLOSING</u>: Shock and Awe: Killed, Then** Resurrected!</u>

Quakes come in our lives at strange and unexpected times

Our lives get shaken - *moved by God* from complacency to wonder, to full alert!

Some quakes may be good, and some quakes are ugly, but *all quakes have a purpose!*

Even I don't understand why!

In our text today, the earth dwellers faced many quakes:

Fire-breathing witnesses, drought, plagues, shocked by God by the resurrection of the two witnesses, shocked by God when they ascended into heaven, and then an earthquake

It took all these things for <u>some</u> to believe and give God glory!

Fear was their motivator to change

God can use fear to drive people to Himself

I believe that love is a greater motivator:

Romans 2: 4 1 John 4: 8 John 15: 13 Titus 2: 11 John 3: 16 Romans 5: 8 God loves people!

God does not desire to pour out His wrath on people

God's love for us is so strong that He sent His only begotten Son to die for us!

That is demonstrated love - off the charts love!

Amazing love, how can it be!!

Our world is headed for shock and awe (lots of strange stuff)

This will be a time when the wrath of God will be poured out on an unbelieving world

God has done everything for you!

Now it is up to you the wrath of God <u>or</u> the love of God FOR THOSE WHO CHOOSE LOVE THE BEST IS YET TO COME!!!